



GALLATIN COUNTY

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Gallatin County Planning Board

FROM: Patricia Davis, Chairperson, Planning Board Growth Policy Update Committee

RE: Recommendation from Planning Board Growth Policy Update Committee to Gallatin County Planning Board and Gallatin County Commission on Need to Update the 2003 Growth Policy

MEETING

DATE: April 14, 2009

The Planning Board's Growth Policy Update Committee met on two separate occasions to review the current version of the Gallatin County Growth Policy. The Growth Policy was adopted in April of 2003, and since then has been subject to only minor revisions. After reviewing the document in its current state, the Committee hereby recommends to the Planning Board and the County Commission that the document does need to be revised and updated, but the general scope of the revisions should not be comprehensive in nature, but rather should be limited to the following:

- Updating various portions of the document to reflect changes that have taken place since 2003. Examples of such changes include adoption of new zoning districts, adoption of various plans (neighborhood plans, transportation plan, etc.) under the growth policy, and changes to operational procedures (impact fees, etc.);
- Updating the document where new information is available to supplement data currently referenced in the Growth Policy, such as is the case with Chapter 2; and
- Making some minor adjustments to the Goals and Policies of Chapter 3.

The Committee requests the Planning Board accept these recommendations and recommend that the County Commission do the same and adopt the resolution of intent that is necessary to kick-off the update to the Growth Policy. Passage of a resolution of intent by the Commission will allow the Planning Board's Growth Policy Committee to flush-out the details of the changes referenced above and bring them forth to public hearings before the Planning Board and County Commission.